

### **REMARKS**

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-5, 7-13 and 16 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the sole independent claim. Claims 14 and 15 are presently canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 6, 17, and 18 were previously canceled.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

#### ***Allowed Claims***

Applicants acknowledge with gratitude the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-5, 7-13, and 16.

#### ***Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112***

Claims 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Without acquiescing to the propriety of this rejection, Applicants, for the purpose of expediting prosecution, have canceled claims 14 and 15 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

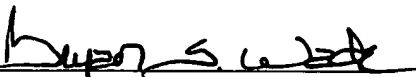
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Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully  
requested.

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